The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Honourable Members are aware that it is now 12 o'clock, and out of the 66 pages of questions and answers, we have reached only the 20th page. Standing Order No. 8 is to the effect that the first hour of every sitting shall be available for the asking and answering of questions. I take it to mean, unless the hon. the Law Member or anybody else is of the contrary opinion, that more time may be made available, and I propose to go on with questions and answers."

Execution of decrees time-barred on account of the Mappilla rebellion.

237 *Q.*—Mr. V. MADHAVA RAJA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to redress the loss caused to parties in the affected area in Malabar in cases where the execution of civil decrees became time-barred during the late rebellion ?

A.—No such case has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Companies.

Joint Stock Companies.

238 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of Joint Stock Companies which came into existence in the Presidency during the last five years and how many of these and the old ones were wound up during the said period ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the annual administration reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, placed on the Editors' Table.

Criminal Justice.

The Imperial Bank fraud case.

239 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(*a*) to place all the papers connected with the appointment by the Government of the Advocate-General and of Mr. Nugent Grant to conduct the Imperial Bank fraud case, on the table ; or

(*b*) to state all the facts connected therewith ?

239-A *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Crown Prosecutor was asked in the usual course to conduct the Imperial Bank fraud case and he declined, and, if so, for what reasons ; and

(*b*) whether those reasons were considered satisfactory by the Government ?

239-B *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is not true that Mr. Nugent Grant saw him in connexion with the Imperial Bank fraud case before the papers had come up to him officially, and he promised to appoint him as Special Public Prosecutor ;